QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Educational policy.

185. ***Mr. Paul A. Thaliath** (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received copies of resolutions by letters or telegrams protesting against the new educational policy of Government namely taking over the complete control and management of primary education and primary schools and thus abolish and discourage grant-in-aid schools now managed by private agencies; and

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, the number of such resolutions received from the State and from outside the State respectively?

Mr. A. Narayanan Tampi (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) and (*b*) Several resolutions in identifical terms have been received from many sources in favour of and against the Government's decision but they have not been classified as Government's decision is final.

Mr. Paul A. Thaliath: The Dewan-President has stated that he has received about 3000 to 4000 telegrams protesting against the new educational policy of the Government. Now the answer given says that they have not been classified as in favour of or against. Without classification how was it possible to state that he has received about 3900 or 4000 telegrams?

President: The total number can well be known. Government have not taken the trouble of classifying them because they do not propose to take notice of those telegrams.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai (*Municipal Councils*): May I know from the member whether Government are aware that there is an overwhelming public opinion in Travancore in favour of the decision of the Government to take up the control and management of primary education?

Mr. A. Narayanan Tampi: Yes, they are aware of it.

New educational policy.

186. ***Mr. Paul A. Thaliath:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have any information with regard to the resolutions, by telegrams and letters received by the Government of India protesting against the new educational policy of this Government namely taking over the complete control and management of primary education; and

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(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative the number so received by the Government of India?

Mr. A. Narayanan Tampi: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Mr. Paul A. Thaliath: In another statement also the Dewan-President has stated that the Viceroy has received about 4000 telegrams. Unless there is an information received by this Government, how was it possible to say that the Viceroy has received so many telegrams?

President: The Viceroy told me personally that he has received a number of telegrams and I suggested what he should do with those telegrams.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup (*Karunagapalli, Kartikapalli and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertallai*): May I know whether the Viceroy has any control over the Primary Education Policy in the State?

President: The telegrams were intended merely to prejudice this Government in the eyes of the Viceroy with regard to the educational policy and on various other items. This State is under a treaty relationship with the British Government. The internal administration of the State is entirely a matter for this Government. Unless there is mis-rule or mal-administration,—and even in those cases only under special circumstances will the Paramount Power interfere—the Government of India do not interfere in the internal administration of the State. Not only that. The primary educational policy of the State has received uniform support from every branch of the Government of India, and quite recently the most representative body on Education in India has generally assented to the primary educational policy of the Government of Travancore. Therefore the question of the Government of India interfering in this matter does not arise. Telegrams were sent to the Viceroy in regard to this matter as telegrams or representations were sent to the so called Parliamentary Delegation asking for administrative reforms, asking for the removal of the Dewan and so forth. This Government regard those telegrams as indicative of the ideas and the outlook of a disgruntled minority of people in the State who want to place impediments at every possible stage and do not take those telegrams seriously. I may assure the honourable members that the Government of India are not likely to take those things seriously.

Mr. K. S. Joseph (*Mavelikara and Thiruvalla* cum *Pattanamthitta*): Have not the Government of India got power in an advisory capacity?

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President: The Government of India have no advice at all in these matters. It is likely that they will not take any notice of these things.

Mr. K. S. Joseph: Have not the Government of India an advisory capacity power to advise the Travancore Government?

President: Not in internal matters excepting cases falling under Clause 9 of the Treaty between Travancore and the British Government.

Agitation against the policy of Compulsory Primary Education.

187. *Mr. A. N. Satyanesan (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received any reports regarding the malicious and disloyal statements made at the meeting held at the Catholic Girl's English High School, Paravoor, ostensibly to protest against the Government's scheme of compulsory primary education?

Mr. A. Narayanan Tampi: No.

Mr. A. N. Satyanesan: ഗവണ്മെൻറിൽ നിന്നും ഗ്രാൻറ് നൽകുന്ന സ്കൂൾ വളപ്പിൽ വച്ചാണ് ഈ യോഗം നടത്തിയതു് എന്ന് അറിവു കിട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Mr. A. Narayanan Tampi: ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മെമ്പറുടെ ചോദ്യം വന്നതിനുശേഷം അറിയുകയും അതിനെപ്പറ്റി വേണ്ട അന്വേഷണങ്ങൾ നടത്തി റിപ്പോർട്ട് ചെയ്യാൻ ഡിവിഷൻ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടരോട് ആവശ്യപ്പെടുകയും ചെയ്തു.

Compulsory primary education.

188. * **Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker.** (*Mavelikara and Tiruvalla cum Pathanamthitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether compulsory primary education will be introduced during the next school year in Travancore; and

(*b*) if so, the taluk or area chosen for such purpose?

Mr. A. Narayanan Tampi: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Thovala and Agasteeswaram taluks (including Nagercoil Municipality) and the Trivandrum City have been chosen for the purpose.

Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker: May I know from the member whether all people in the locality, Hindus, Christians and Musalmans are co-operating for the progress of the work?

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